

SAM Affiliates

MASS

Montana Association of School Superintendents

Members of the Montana Association of School Superintendents serve as school superintendents, assistant superintendents, or other central office personnel who hold titles with line staffing equivalent to that of assistant superintendent.

MASSP

Montana Association of Secondary School Principals

Members of the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals are engaged in the administration and supervision of secondary schools or teach courses in education at institutions of advanced learning.

MAEMSP

Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals

Members of the Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals are employed in professional work related to the elementary and middle level principalship.

MACSS

Montana Association of County School Superintendents

Members of the Montana Association of County School Superintendents serve as a liaison between schools, the state and county governments and the taxpayer, as well as administer the small stand-alone elementary school districts.

MCASE

Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education

Members of the Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education administer, direct, supervise, and/or coordinate a program, school, or class of special education for exceptional children or are members of a college faculty whose major responsibility is the professional preparation of administrators of special education.

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SAM Guiding Principles

1. We believe in promoting SAM's purpose and function in support of children and education.
2. We promote and exhibit the highest level of integrity and professionalism organizationally and individually.
3. We advocate for appropriate legislation that ensures that our students will receive a quality education.
4. We believe that quality education is dependent on adequate and sustainable funding.
5. We believe that continuing professional development, mentorship, and supportive member service are critical to individual member success.
6. We serve as a proactive coalition of educational organizations working to be a positive and effective force in education.
7. We believe that instructional leadership and professional management provided by school administrators is essential to successful and effective schools.



SAM Goals

SAM develops and implements formal strategies for recruiting and retaining school administrators, resulting in a strong, diverse administrative cadre in the state.

SAM supports and advocates for the role of "school administrator" in Montana so the public is informed and administrators have a sense of support and security in their profession in the state.

SAM is recognized as an educational organization that provides timely, professional, and affordable training, services and communication to its members.

SAM is viewed as an integral part of the educational community and local and state decision makers seek SAM's input and involvement.

Services SAM Provides

SAM was organized as an association of administrators in 1970. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators.

SAM:

- Maintains an office in Helena employing an Executive Director, an Associate Director and an office assistant.
- Supports two way communication with its members.
- Provides direct membership involvement in program and policy positions.
- Lobbies actively on educational issues at the State Legislature.
- Acts as a liaison with educational agencies such as the Office of Public Instruction, the State Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents.
- Provides for communication and coordination with other education related groups and agencies.
- Provides for a cooperative relationship with Montana colleges and universities.
- Holds an annual meeting for conducting business, professional development and promoting collegiality.
- Provides for personal and professional development through conferences and workshops.
- Acts as a liaison with national organizations of its affiliates.
- Informs members on matters of educational concern through monthly news bulletins, affiliate list-serves, and an active web-site.
- Speaks for education from an administrator's point of view with a united voice.
- Advocates for children and their educational issues and projects a positive leadership image for administrators.